

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the service management method for providing a product-in-circulation to a service receiver, a terminal managed by a service provider includes: a memory section for registering data of a product-in-circulation delivered to a contract signer and an expiring date of the product-in-circulation; an input section for inputting the status on use of the product-in-circulation, or a communications section for detecting the status on use of the product-in-circulation; and an arithmetic processing section for calculating an account of a product-in-circulation whose status on use has been input, of all products-in-circulation delivered to the service receiver, in accordance with expiring date data of the product-in-circulation. According to the arrangement, it is possible to provide a rational service management system whereby the service receiver does not have to purchase extra products-in-circulation in advance, and a product-in-circulation can be charged according to the expiring date.